

DIVISION SOLDIER COMPETES IN NEW YORK CITY

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Before a select group of key Army command staff one of the 100th Division's own competed in the 2001 Secretary of the Army, United States Army Reserve Command Retention NCO-of-the-Year competition. Sergeant First Class Daniel R. Goodwin, Personnel Services NCO, Headquarters, 2nd Brigade in Owensboro, Ky. spent three days in the "Big Apple" this November where hundreds of reservists were guarding all entry points to the city during heightened alert.

Goodwin said, "I studied hard for the competition, but you miss one question and you're out". A 21-year veteran of the Reserve, Goodwin worked very hard to get to the national competition. He took first place in the regional competition in Birmingham, Ala. at the 81st Regional Support Command earlier this year. Against competitors from North Carolina and Georgia, he was selected winner by the Region Board voting.

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Goodwin said one the most challenging parts of the regional competition was the extensive questioning. "It was designed in part to test the soldier's knowledge of military, logistical, legal and operational issues," Goodwin remarked. However, the bank of questions went beyond military skills and included "what European country is very close to breaking out in Civil War?" (Macedonia); "Chandra Levy is missing from the Washington DC area—what was her job there?" (Intern for Bureau of Federal Prisons); "Who has the statutory authority to establish a military law system? (Congress). Other questions covered battlefield survival and U.S. policy on the use of nuclear, biological and chemical weapons.

Military leadership questions dealt with the seven individual values all soldiers are expected to possess—an integral part of the NCO evaluation. These values; loyalty, duty, respect, self-less service, honor, integrity and personal courage have recently become a **major** part of evaluating the soldier's performance.

Master Sgt. Jeffery Duncan, who handled logistics for the 81st regional contest said, "Sergeant First Class Goodwin did darn well against the other contestants who were full time reserve recruiters." Goodwin carries the assignment as additional duty.

Staff Sgt. Lance Tinkler, the Command Retention Liaison NCO serving the 100th Division, was delighted in how far Goodwin went in the regional and national competitions. "He is truly a Retention NCO's dream, he always seems to go beyond the call of duty", Tinkler said. Referring to his quick turnaround time on tasks and attention to detail, Tinkler said, "These attributes have also helped in his military progression". Goodwin was recently promoted in his unit in Owensboro.

In 2000, Goodwin assumed the responsibilities of Brigade Retention Representative responsible for three battalions as well as the 2nd Brigade Headquarters Detachment. A reserve member since 1980, his military resume reflects considerable experience in armor and as a drill sergeant and five promotions. From a military education standpoint, Goodwin avails himself of every training opportunity that he can work into his civilian schedule. He has completed eight specialized courses in leadership, training, combat life saving, retention as well as graduating from drill sergeant school.

Active in his church and community, Goodwin has been involved with many citizens in his hometown of Owensboro during tornadoes and inclement weather. A licensed electrician as a civilian, he is a Maintenance Technician with the city's Water Resource Agency. This critical position reflected the true meaning behind a "reservist being twice the soldier" when activated in December 1999, when the city was crippled from a tornado that left millions of dollars in damage in its aftermath. Goodwin is also an active volunteer in outreach programs for at risk youth.



Sgt. First Class Goodwin's knowledge of generators is put to use in the wake of severe weather in December 1999.



Sgt. First Class Goodwin demonstrates true character in service to his community and his country.



Sgt. First Class Goodwin takes his message of service and commitment to a youth function.